Closure of Textile Mills in Kerala

3848. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any sick textile mills in Kerala :

(b) what is the number of textile mills which have been closed down during the last three years in that State ;

(c) what is the quantum of loss suffered by each such mill till 30th July, 1988 ; and

(d) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to reopen the mills lying closed in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) As on 30th June, 1988, there were 4 cotton/man-made fibre textile mills lying closed in Kerala One of these has been referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction All the four mills closed down during the last three years.

(c) The Union Government do not maintain profit and loss accounts of individual textile mills.

(d) A Nodal Agency has been set up to examine sick textile mills in order to ascertain whether they are potentially viable or not. The Nodal Agency evolves and manages rehabilitation packages for mills found to be potentially viable. A Textile Modernisation Fund has been created to meet the modernisation needs of weak textile mills. Further, a Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction has been constituted to consider the cases of textile companies coming within the purview of the Sick Industrial Companies Act. Non-viable mills may have to close down permanently.

Water Pollution

3851. Shri ARANGIL SREEDHARAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the standards of ambient quality for water pollution in India ;

(b) whether the present standards of ambient quality for water pollution in India are lower vis-a-vis to the standards of ambient quality for water pollution in USSR and USA; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the standards of ambient quality for water pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI). (a) Based on certain parameters of water quality, designated best use of water for different purposes like drinking water without treatment, drinking water with treatment, bathing, irrigation, etc. have been determined.

(b) These are generally comparable, but there are some variations due to climatic conditions, etc.

(c) Does not arise.

Violation of Central Instructions on the of use of wooden fixture by the Department of Education—Delhi Administration

3852. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have imposed complete ban on the use of wood, including teakwood for furniture and building construction in Government organisations and schools;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of India had constituted an inter-Ministerial group to go into the whole gamut